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**MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT
SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY**

United States District Court	District of Wyoming
Name (under which you were convicted): <u>John Michael Morgan</u>	Docket or Case No.: <u>10-CR-329</u>
Place of Confinement: <u>Yankton Federal Prison Camp</u>	Prisoner No.: <u>11824-091</u>
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Movant (include name under which convicted)
	<u>John Michael Morgan</u>

MOTION

- (a) Name and location of court that entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging: Wyoming
Federal court in Cheyenne, Wyoming

(b) Criminal docket or case number (if you know): 10-CR-329
- (a) Date of the judgment of conviction (if you know): February 7th, 2012

(b) Date of sentencing: February 6th, 2012
- Length of sentence: 120 months
- Nature of crime (all counts): Conspiracy to Distribute 500 grams or More of Mixture of Methamphetamine and 924(c) Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime [two counts], Possession of Methamphetamine, and Conspiracy to Launder Money
- (a) What was your plea? (Check one)

(1) Not guilty ☐ (2) Guilty ☒ (3) Nolo contendere (no contest) ☐

(b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, what did you plead guilty to and what did you plead not guilty to? N/A

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- (c) If you entered a guilty plea pursuant to a plea bargain, state the terms and conditions of the agreement. Pled guilty to 500gram conspiracy and one count of 924(c) firearm charge and provide substantial assistance to the government and get the second 924(c) dropped along with the possession and money laundering

6. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one) Jury ☐ Judge only ☐

7. Did you testify at a pretrial hearing, trial, or post-trial hearing? Yes ☒ No ☐

8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) If you did not appeal, explain briefly why you did not: was sentenced according to plea agreement

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

(a) Name of court: _____

(b) Docket or case number (if you know): _____

(c) Result: _____

(d) Date of result (if you know): _____

(e) Citation to the case (if you know): _____

(f) Grounds raised: _____

(g) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes," answer the following:

(1) Docket or case number (if you know): _____

(2) Result: _____

(3) Date of result (if you know): _____

(4) Citation to the case (if you know): _____

(5) Grounds raised: _____

10. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other motions, petitions, or applications concerning this judgment of conviction in any court? Yes ☐ No ☒

11. If your answer to Question 10 was "Yes," give the following information:

- (a) (1) Name of court: _____
 (2) Docket or case number (if you know): _____
 (3) Date of filing (if you know): _____
 (4) Nature of the proceeding: _____
 (5) Grounds raised: _____
 (6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?
 Yes ☐ No ☐
 (7) Result: _____
 (8) Date of result (if you know): _____

(b) If you filed any second motion, petition, or application, give the same information:

- (1) Name of court: _____
 (2) Docket or case number (if you know): _____
 (3) Date of filing (if you know): _____
 (4) Nature of the proceeding: _____
 (5) Grounds raised: _____
 (6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?
 Yes ☐ No ☐
 (7) Result: _____
 (8) Date of result (if you know): _____

(c) Did you appeal to a federal appellate court having jurisdiction over the action taken on your motion, petition, or application?

- (1) First petition: Yes ☐ No ☐
 (2) Second petition: Yes ☐ No ☐

(d) If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain briefly why you did not:

12. For this motion, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

GROUND ONE: 924(c) is being ran ~~concurrent~~ consecutive to drug charge

(a) Supporting facts (Briefly summarize your claim. You may provide additional argument and legal citations in a separate supporting memorandum): I am serving 60 months for my drug conspiracy and an additional 60 months for the consecutive possession of a firearm in furtherance of that conspiracy (a firearm that was possessed, never used). From my understanding it is now the discretion of the judge that determines if the charge is ran concurrent or consecutive. Now that the law has changed I would like to have my sentence reviewed.

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground One:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: At the time of sentencing, it was mandatory the the 924(c) be ran consecutively to the drug charge

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

GROUND TWO: _____

(a) Supporting facts (Briefly summarize your claim. You may provide additional argument and legal citations in a separate supporting memorandum): _____

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: _____

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

GROUND THREE: _____

(a) Supporting facts (Briefly summarize your claim. You may provide additional argument and legal citations in a separate supporting memorandum): _____

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Three:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: _____

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

GROUND FOUR: _____

(a) Supporting facts (Briefly summarize your claim. You may provide additional argument and legal citations in a separate supporting memorandum): _____

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Four:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: _____

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

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13. Is there any ground in this motion that you have not previously presented in some federal court? If so, which ground or grounds have not been presented, and state your reasons for not presenting them: _____

14. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court for the judgment you are challenging? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised. _____

15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:

(a) At preliminary hearing: _____

(b) At arraignment and plea: Nick Beduhn

(c) At trial: Nick Beduhn

(d) At sentencing: Nick Beduhn

(e) On appeal: N/A

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding: N/A

(g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding: N/A

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16. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time? Yes ☒ No ☐

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging?
Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future: _____

(b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed: _____

(c) Give the length of the other sentence: _____

(d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please go to Question 18

18. TIMELINESS OF MOTION: If your judgment of conviction became final over one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion.* Until recently a 924(c) conviction required a mandatory sentence of 5 consecutive years in addition to the underlying charge. Recently the mandatory stipulation of the sentence running consecutive was changed and the 924(c) now has the potential to be ran concurrent with other charges.

* The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA") as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255, paragraph 6, provides in part that:

A one-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of —

- (1) the date on which the judgment of conviction became final;
- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

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Therefore, movant asks that the Court grant the following relief: 60 months for 924(c) be ran concurrent
with underlying Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine

or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.

Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the institutional mailing system or deposited with prison officials on _____ (month, day, year). I attest that first-class postage has been prepaid.

Executed (signed) on _____ (date).


Signature of Movant

If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion.

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